# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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Deployment in Naxal Affected Areas
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to raise Indian Reserve Battalions (IRBs) in the Left Wing Extremism affected regions of the country;

(b) whether the Government has come across increased naxal activism in some regions of Kerala;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to raise IRBs in these regions of Kerala to counter the naxal thrust and also for opening up of employment opportunities to the local youths;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the naxal activities have been reported from tri junction area of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka in recent years; and

(f) if so, the measures being taken to curb the naxal menace in the said region and in other parts of the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Central Government has recently decided to raise 17 India Reserve (IR) Battalions including 12 IR Battalions for LWE affected states of Chhattisgarh (04 Battalions), Jharkhand (03 Battalions), Maharashtra (02 Battalions) and Odisha (03 Battalions).
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(b): Activities and presence of CPI (Maoist) have been noticed from Wayanad, Kozhikode, Kannur, Malappuram, Palakkad and Ernakulam districts of Kerala since 2013.

(c) & (d): One IR Bn has been raised in Kerala. Besides, there is presently no proposal to raise more IR Bns for Kerala.
(e): Yes, Madam.
(f): The Central Government has been sharing intelligence with the State Governments of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in this regard regularly. The Central Government is also monitoring the situation closely.
The Central Government has been pursuing a four pronged strategy to tackle LWE insurgency − security related measures; development related interventions; ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities and public perception management. While on security front, the Central Governments assists the State Governments by providing Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) battalions, training, funds for modernization of State police force, equipment and arms,
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sharing of intelligence etc.; on development side, the Central Government has taken various measures including construction of roads, strengthening of communications network, installation of mobile towers, improving network of banks, post offices, health and education facilities in LWE areas.
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